Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Jay and Vickie Ahart exchanged their wedding vows on August 11, 1978, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Jay and Vickie gave life and love to two fantastic sons, Kelly and Keegan; and,

Whereas, We should pay tribute to Vickie for her 25 years of dedication, love, and devotion to her husband, Jay; and,

Whereas, Vickie possesses the unique ability to find a screwdriver in the middle of a 160-acre field and teach Jay how to start a B John Deere after watching him make several unsuccessful attempts; and,

Whereas, Vickie shows no fear when chasing coyotes away from her chickens; and,

Whereas, Vickie has shown the ability to withstand the stress of Jay's numerous accidents (Stop! Do Not Pass Bill—Go directly to the hospital!); and,

Whereas, Vickie does an impeccable job of record keeping, knows exactly where everything is, remembers exact dates of past events, and has a gift for making puns at the appropriate moment; and,

Whereas, Vickie is fortunate to have a birth date the same day as Jay's, making it difficult for him to find a good excuse to forget to buy her a gift and bake her a cake; and,

Whereas, Vickie and Jay also share the same wedding anniversary date and they will celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on August 11, 2003:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 11, 2003, as

JAY & VICKIE AHART DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirty-first Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State